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SUBJECT: NEPALI DAILIES ON DISARMAMENT

1. DECISION OF RECENTLY-CONCLUDED NON-ALIGNED NATIONS
COORDINATING BUREAU MEETING IN HAVANA TO RECOMMEND
ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY PROMPTED
KATHMANDU'S TWO LEADING DAILIES, "THE RISING NEPAL" (ENGLISH)
AND "GORKHAPATRA" (NEPALI), TO COMMENT EDITORIALY IN
MAY 23 ISSUES.

2. "THE RISING NEPAL" STATED: "...AMONG THE CONCRETE
SUGGESTIONS ON DEALING WITH THE DISARMAMENT QUESTION TO
EMANATE FROM THE HAVANA MEET IS THE PROPOSAL TO SET UP
AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT AGENCY THAT WILL BE PERMANENT
AND OPERATE WITHIN A UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK." EDITORIAL
CALLED PROPOSAL "OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE" IN VIEW OF UPCOMING
UN CONFERENCE AND SAID PROLKSAL "COULD BE EXPECTED TO MAKE
A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON
DISARMAMENT. CONSIDERING THAT THE DISARMAMENT TALKS IN
GENEVA AND OTHER MEASURES HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN WHOLLY
SUCCESSFUL IN CHECKING THE GROWING ARMS RACE, A
MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY TO CONTROL GLOBAL
ARMAMENTS BUILDUP CAN INDEED BE DEEMED TO HAVE BECOME
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3. "GORKHAPATRA" EDITORIAL WAS SIMILARLY POSITIVE ON HAVANA
PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT "DESPITE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS,
ARMS RACE PERSISTS," AND THAT "EVEN AFTER A DECADE OF
CONTINUED SALT TALKS BETWEEN THE USA AND USSR, NO
CONCRETE RESULTS HAVE SURFACED TOWARDS COMPLETE DISARMAMENT..."

IN THIS CONTEXT THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HAVANA DECLARATION
PUTS GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE FORTHCOMING UN DISARMAMENT
CONFERENCE AND THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT
AGENCY AS WELL..."
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